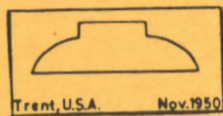
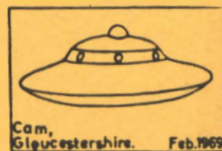
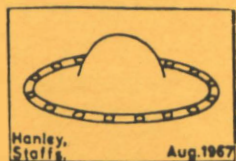


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"All that glitters is not gold" - that well used expression is very appropriate in the UFO investigation field with so many sightings failing to live up to their press reports or hype when examined more closely. The same applies to the latest phenomenon of the corn-circles.

On Easter Saturday the family and I were driving up the M40 towards London. Just before the junction to High Wycombe was a very large oil-seed rape field just beginning to show the bright yellow flowers and bang in the middle of this field was a superb circle with possibly a ring around it. Could it be that your editor had discovered the very first circle of 1990? Certainly no circle had been seen a few days earlier when passing this field and I drive pass this point twice a week on average. Great excitement reigned - heightened even further when Bernard Delair rang a few days later saying "have you seen it, a circle just off the M40 motorway by the High Wycombe aerodrome". Bernard also uses the motorway frequently and definitely hadn't noticed it there earlier in the week.

An investigation team rushed out to the spot a few days later. Yes, it was still there and after climbing and clambering through various fields and hedges, at last the prize was in reach. A final tramp through the suffocating pollen given off by the rape flowers and there was the circle - well it was just about a circle and a big one at that, around 30 metres in diameter, but there were no swirled stalks of the crop anywhere to be seen. In fact it was just a section of open ground left to grow wild. Nor were there any tell-tale signs of a UFO landing. The reasons soon became obvious. This particular part of the field had badly subsided during the wet weather in the Winter resulting in huge ruts where the tractor had passed over it. The sowing equipment had avoided this patch of ground for reasons of safety, and the usual tram lines deviated at right angles near the circle giving the false impression of a ring from the cursory glance one could make from the motorway.

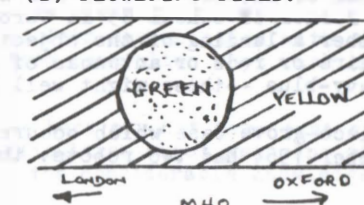
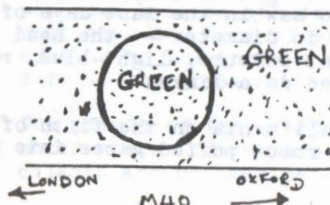
Why did the circle suddenly appear? Of course the rape plants were green until early April, as was the weed growing up in the circle. When the brilliant yellow flowers appeared on the rape, the weed area remained green, but the dividing line between planted and unplanted ground suddenly became very sharp. (See sketches below)

Is all this waffle about a non-event a waste of time? If we had reported just what was apparent from the motorway, then there would be another spurious case filling up data banks all over the UK and further afield. The lesson to be learnt is that good objective investigation is a priority in Contact International and hope that our recent mailings to investigators will emphasise this point.

The Editor

(1) EARLY FIELD TO MID-APRIL

(2) FLOWERING FIELD.



THE RUSSIAN CASES

Facts and Officialdom

By M. Soper

The humanoids or Pilots that came out of the landed craft at Voronezh were unlike anything in the UFO literature, although there are vague parallels with previous cases -- the entities in the Pascagoula case (11/10/73) were android-like and also the entities with neon-bars in the St. Cyrille-de Wendover case (ss/6/74). In the 1977 Petrozavodsk case there were light-beams but exceptional visual phenomena were absent at Voronezh; the messages or releases from officialdom are less negative than usual "We must accumulate information on any abnormal phenomenon wherever they take place, and carefully study them. This is primarily a task for scientists." (USSR state security committee spokesman). But according to the article in the Moscow News (Oct '89) "a person of immense charm whose objectivity cannot be doubted" Colonel of the Militia Lyudmila Makarova claimed that a grain of some isotope had been dropped at the site -- but otherwise she did not know what had happened. The Petrozavodsk case in which a preter-naturally bright object hovered over the town and lit up the countryside for miles has been explained as pyrotechnics from the Space-race (Launch Cosmcs 955 (20/9/77)). Thus that case has been tidied up for officialdom. But the Space-mindedness of people cannot just be tidied away and the automatic nature of the official scientific probe did not dampen the genuine and vivid response of the schoolchildren (Secondary school 33) involved at Voronezh.

Roma Torshin, sixth former: On September 23rd at 9 p.m. I was returning home and saw a red round object with a black hatch the size of a door, in the sky. It was about 5 m. in diameter -- at the moment of landing four legs were ejected, and a robot drove down the ladder. Civil servants photographed the dents left by the feet -- the depth was 20-25 cms and the diameter 25-30 cms. Weight of the object estimated at 11 tons by enthusiasts. Dosimeters registered 30-37 micro-roentgens/hour well above the background of 10-15 micro-roentgens/hour. Despite the denials of officialdom and comments about the spacerace activity at the space cosmodrome, this did not really affect the validity of the children's account of the space-ships -- since their stories tallied when quizzed separately.

On September 26th or 27th at 7 p.m. at the same park, Zhenya Blinov a classmate of Roma Torshin saw a craft with portholes. Someone about 3m. tall emerged -- the boy saw on the denizen's head two eyes and at the top a red lightbeam. On his breast there was a disc with three spots of different colours -- a message? and slightly below it there was a rectangle which 'started sticking out from his body'.

The head of another denizen was drawn by Oleg Chebotaryov -- a third former of school 33 in Voronezh who saw in the last days of September a landing of the object 8-10m. in diameter -- the head had hairs or rods or antennae of different colours, light-blue, red and navy-blue -- these might well have been data-links.

The Cisco-grove case which occurred in California on the fifth of September 1964 had two robots: the first robot puffed gases into a

tree where Donald S. had taken refuge after being approached by two 5'5" silver entities -- the robot had no discernible neck and had two glowing orange-red eyes. (Donald had been out hunting and had become separated from his friends: he saw an object land in a wood -- he had been lighting fires to attract rescuers). When the first robot failed, a second robot appeared, between the two robots bright flashes occurred, then a vast cloud of gas ascended the tree and Donald awoke the next morning. The mechanical men appear to have been servants to the humanoids. Another humanoid case reported in Komsomolskaya Pravda was described by Pavel Mukhortov a reporter. He met some 6'-13' humanoids near Perm, a soviet industrial city on the 30th July; they glowed and chatted from a distance of 1000'. He 'thought' questions and answers appeared in the form of illuminated letters in the air. These may have been pilots but no craft is mentioned in the report. This method of replying in light-beams is unique so far as I know. The message went as follows:

MUKHORTOV: WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

ALIENS: THE CONSTELLATION LIBRA, RED STAR OUR HOMELAND

MUKHORTOV: YOUR GOAL?

ALIENS: IT DEPENDS ON THE CENTRE, WE ARE DIRECTED BY A CENTRAL SYSTEM.

MUKHORTOV: CAN YOU TAKE ME TOWARDS YOUR PLANET?

ALIENS: THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY RETURN FOR YOU AND IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR US.

MUKHORTOV: WHY SHOULD THAT BE DANGEROUS?

ALIENS: YOU WOULD BRING BACK THOUGHT BACTERIA.

This report was through press releases to Reuter from Officialdom in the USSR. Why should the bureaucracy be releasing UFO reports to the media instead of glowing reports about Russian achievements in the spacerace? Perhaps under Perestroika, UFO reports are less contentious but indicate modern thinking.

From a logistic point of view any actual visit to distant stars (assuming the technology is within orders of magnitude of our own), would most efficiently be done by what is termed an automatic or von Neumann probe which is a machine that travels between the stars and copies itself where there are resources, communicating all the while with any intelligent creatures that are found and continuously sending reports back to base -- such probes might well continue even after the generating civilisation had died or gone onto more transcendent things, sending via datalinks the messages back to base. If the material in the releases can be trusted, (and the reason we may not trust them is the propaganda motivation of officialdom) the star in question is a red star in Libra -- red stars in Libra are listed in the appendix, and the star with the best dist/redness quotient is 38 gamma Librae which is 23 Parsecs away (75 L.V.). Propaganda machines work best when they tell 'almost' the truth rather than an out and out denial. Should the star be green rather than red then the best bet is zeta (35) Librae which is very green and 36 parsecs away. The nice statement of the humanoids may well have been altered in this way. Huge black headless people have been seen in the same area on the 16th July -- in mid-July children at a summer-camp near the Kama river north of Perm saw entities with shining eyes. One boy threw a rock at them, one alien shot back and set fire to the grass.

The pilots of the craft that came here may not have just come from outer space. There are real difficulties about assuming that these objects are spaceships -- one is the considerable knowledge the

visitors already seem to have about Humanity -- they usually come equipped to speak or communicate the local language. This does not mean that they did not once come from space or that they are not aliens, but that they did not come from space recently. The small objects seem much too small to function as star-ships -- on energy grounds alone. Thus we can be sure that in some mode or other (perhaps transdimensional) they are already on Earth and very well organised. The odd feature of the Russian reports is that the humanoids are so atypical of observations in general elsewhere. The 'thoughtlink' in the Perm case of 30th July is also unique. What an odd way to deliver messages. A technology designed to punch messages through space would surely do this differently. We must admit though that our easy assumptions about what civilisations in space are capable of are probably extraordinarily naive. In fact journeys from the stars for intelligent species only make sense when some automatic probe has previously reported intelligent life.

The space-alien theory has indirect evidence: the vast $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long torpedos of the fifties which did appear like spaceships, and also the way craft communicate by lightbeams: this latter is supported by the sighting at Omsk on the 17th October -- this was seen by hundreds of witnesses including a red-army major, Loginov, who saw a luminous ball $1\frac{1}{2}$ times larger than the moon which gave out four very intense light-beams parallel to each other and which had an angle to earth. The object hovered over the civilian airport and then after the air about it became turbulent, sped away to the East at altitude estimated as several hundred kilometers, travelling 375 miles at average speed of nearly 4,350 mph. The object although seen by hundreds was invisible to radar. No messages (except perhaps mime) were received, but datalinks to the military base at the foot of the Altai mountains were active. This is how the speed was measured.

The idea of robotic denizens appearing often in Russia is apt -- being as they are tireless workers and servants of the humanoids. The denials of officialdom apart, at least one of the humanoid cases seems to have actually occurred, although in the Perm case there is doubt about whether the humanoids seen were pilots of a craft. Another craft was seen 200km North of Moscow by Vitale? (23) and Alexander (32) in March 1981: they saw a blue egg-shaped object hovering 7 m. above the ground in a park, the craft was 5 m. in diameter and 2-3m. high -- the object glowed rose-coloured and started to open like a flower -- two entities more than 2 m. high started to approach Alex, the other chap was paralysed. Alex heard the communication: 'Don't be afraid we won't hurt you'. The entities whose faces were clear but bodies out of focus re-entered the craft the door closed and the craft disappeared.

To return to the Perm case and the idea of spaceships from Libra; here are the red stars in Libra:

Name	B-V	PC
5	1.1	190
11	.98	39
12	1.2	77
13	1.1	130
14	1.49	130
18	1.25	51

20	1.7	51
21	1.4	120
28	1.02	57
32	1.4	170
34	1.1	130
37	1.02	57
36	1.4	55
38	1.01	23
39	1.38	39
42	1.33	110
43	1.57	91
46	1.02	25

Also the greenest stars in Libra: 24, 26, 27, 25, 40, 45, 47, 46 with distances respectively (93,-37, 36, 100, 180,23,-): Minimum distance 35 (zeta Librae) which is also maximum greenness with 40 (beta Librae) close second.

Also on average the very green stars in Libra are closer than the very red.

ALIEN CONTACT OR ARMAGEDDON?

By Clive Potter, Philip Mantle
and Andrew Walmsley

With comments by Dr. John Shaw, M.A., C.Psychol, A.F.B.Ps.S

Four summaries of case studies. Each individual witness claims an 'alien contact' of some kind which has been carefully investigated by Clive Potter, Philip Mantle and Andrew Walmsley (IUN) of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and the Independent UFO Network (IUN). None of the four following case studies have ever been published in any national newspaper or magazine. One is known to a few researchers, but the other three are published here, albeit in brief, for the very first time and are a continuation of joint IUN/BUFORA abduction/contactee research.

Each of the four brief case histories below came to the attention of UFO researchers at both BUFORA and IUN. Each percipient have given their approval to have their identities used for the purpose of this article, and each desires to make contact with others who have had similar experiences and have felt the same feelings towards the future of the planet Earth. Each feels that as a direct result of their UFO Contact experiences - that they have been given information, or a new awareness, with regards to the future and they have a role to play in any future society, or certainly in the transition between the old and the new one. All four percipients are convinced that this information was, and in some cases, still is, given to them by 'alien contact'.

1. Gary Harlow. Northamptonshire.

Gary Harlow first came onto the scene in 1975 when he approached ufologist Jenny Randles at a conference in Manchester. Since then, Gary has maintained his account and has attempted to put some of the new awareness that he gained from the UFO experience into practice.

Gary is in his early forties, married with two children, and is a research technician. He claims that when he was a youngster, whilst digging the garden at his former home, he saw a luminous multi-coloured disc-shaped object just hovering above the trees. He then claims that he saw himself looking down on himself from this object. Within 6 weeks he had forgotten the event. After he got married at the age of 22 he began to get interested in theology. Upon reading a certain passage in the Bible he remembered his UFO experience. It was as if he gained a new sense of awareness and realised that he was something other than himself.

Gary now states that he has a particular mission to perform, involving the changing of mankind's consciousness and of the events as foretold in the Bible and other religious teachings. Gary claims that there are several important artifacts that are currently concealed and that the time is right for these to be found and their nature revealed to mankind.

Essentially, Gary's claim is that the events as told in the Bible under Revelations will occur and that he will be instrumental in bringing some of these events about. Gary's case is extremely complex and often bizarre, but basically concerns itself with future changes brought about by alien involvement on Earth.

2. David Rogers: Coventry.

This case, currently still under investigation, came to our attention through personal contact with the witness. The witness, single and in his late 30's and currently unemployed, has had UFO contact and psychic experiences since a young child. His first UFO sighting was of a strange light that was observed by David and a group of classmates whilst still at school. He was then about 15 years old. The same strange light appeared to make a very personal appearance to him when he was 17 and he was at home in Coventry. The light performed large triangular movements in the sky. Between the first and second sighting David had images or experiences of seeing non-human entities at his bedroom window, and of being transported through the window and onto a craft of some description in the sky. Also, between the two sightings and since for several years, David would often wander the nearby fields and simply stare at the sky for hours on end. He felt that he was waiting for something but cannot explain what. These 'wonderings' would often leave David with a 'Missing time' experience, not knowing what had happened during a certain time period.

David later developed into a clairvoyant. He has displayed all the outward signs of being a 'secret abductee', someone who has had missing time, memories of entity visitations, UFO experiences, and so on, but who cannot now recall all of the details either through repressed memory or by some other means.

David has had a great feeling towards the future of the planet and feels that there will be a nuclear holocaust and possibly a natural catastrophe. There will be people who will survive and continue in

in a new society. Since developing his clairvoyance, David has received psychic messages about this future holocaust and the fact that a particular artifact will be retrieved and it is to be used for some unknown purpose in connection with future changes.

3. Patricia Kee: Manchester.

Patricia Mee first contacted BUFORA in April 1989. She believes that UFO contact (alien contact) has been made with her, and she has had this feeling of alien contact (or knowing as she puts it) since she was six years old. She is now in her early 30's. Patricia is married and works as a secretary and personal assistant.

Patricia has received information through her mind about other civilisations, and a whole host of information about the universe. Much of this information has been repressed by Patricia for whatever reason and she has stated that she feels 'different' from other people almost 'alien' in fact. She states that at the age of 6 she began to feel certain 'funny feelings' which she could not understand, feelings of not being alone. She felt as though she was being followed everywhere, but could not see anyone, she could only feel their presence. Patricia began to look skyward, day and night, and did remember saying to herself "that's where they come from". Patricia remembers having a secret playmate visible only to her as a child. This playmate looked exactly like the strange alien entity depicted on the front cover of abductee Whitley Streiber's book 'Communion'.

Patricia has also detailed numerous 'alien contact' throughout her life, she even claims that at one stage she was shown the alien's home planet. Their planet is a three-planetary system and Patricia even knows the names of these three planets.

Patricia has suffered deep emotional feelings about herself. She does feel that she is from somewhere else and that she has a specific task to carry out. She feels that she has to meet similar people to herself who can help her impart the information given to her via her 'alien contact' experiences. She feels strongly that the Earth is moving into dangerous times and that physical as well as spiritual changes will occur. She feels that there is a plan to lead mankind to greater understanding and enlightenment and that she is part of that plan. When that plan is fulfilled she feels that she will be able to return 'home'.

4. Graham Allen: Staffordshire

Graham first contacted BUFORA in April 1989. Graham is in his mid-30's, married with 3 children, and runs his own decorating business.

In June 1979 he was driving on the A34 near Oxford when he underwent a typical 'missing time' experience often associated with so-called 'abductions'. His car radio became 'crackly' and he lowered his head to fiddle with it. Looking up again, Graham discovered that he was inexplicably lost and was on an unfamiliar stretch of road. He was disorientated and quite confused. Eventually Graham found his way to his destination and reached there in some distress. He later discovered that he had 'driven' over 15 miles in less than a few minutes. Something which is quite impossible.

In November 1982, he occasionally experienced a high-pitched sound



non-frictional moving parts. Graham requested the messages to cease as he could take no more at that time.

No more 'contact' was made for two years. When it did return the information was now about the mind and reality. In December 1987, Graham awoke one morning and had a spontaneous recall of the original event on the road near Oxford. He recalled seeing a golden yellow haze surrounding his car and the car itself was stationary. He could see a man with a dog who seemed to be absolutely motionless. He was also aware of a low humming sound and saw a bright yellow light above the car. He panicked and shouted to the man who did not respond. Then everything went black and he was then aware of being on his back and observed three strange faces peering over him. When he fully awoke Graham was convinced that this is what really happened to him on the road near Oxford.

Between 1987 and 1989 he has had regular contact with what he then began to accept as extraterrestrial beings. He could now ask questions of the aliens and answers would be given.

Graham now feels a need to speak to others about his experiences and his information as he feels that the planet Earth is about to undergo severe physical and spiritual changes. Like other people who have had UFO or even religious or psychic experiences, the year 1992 is given as the year when these changes will occur.

COMMENTS:- By C. Potter,
P. Mantle & A. Walmsley

All of the above cases represent people, from a wide variety of backgrounds, who have undergone what may be termed as an "alien contact".



at night, and he seemed to lose control. At times these experiences would increase and then would subside in regularity. Between 1983 and 1984, he began receiving information into his mind from an unknown source. The subject matter in this information seemed to relate to time space, gravity, molecular structure, positive and negative forces and even pollution. These experiences would often last all night and he would be fully awake during them. Oft Often he would end up with severe headaches after them. These experiences ended in the summer of 1984. He was presented with a detailed description of a machine with

The percipients, generally express or interpret their contact as being with aliens, but it is at least the view of these researchers that these experiences could be the result of contact with another form of consciousness rather than some extraterrestrial beings.

Close Encounters of the 4th kind (CE4) where contact is made with UFO occupants or alien entities, often occur during sleep times, which, as we know is an altered state of consciousness. It could well be that the CE4 occurs in the mind of those involved, when it is in a receptive state, and contact can occur with another realm of human consciousness. It could be that this altered state of consciousness could form part of the collective unconscious which in turn would explain the similarities of the experiences related by the different percipients. Research in this area is still in its infancy in Britain and the assistance of well qualified social scientists is urgently needed.

CE4's are on the increase as are messages concerning impending doom. Mediums are convinced that such messages are from the spirit world, whilst others, like the four cases above, are equally as sure that the messages are from aliens trying to help us. But one thing is certain, with all of the cases described above and with countless other people who had similar warnings or visions of the future, and that is we are being told that we are in danger. Prophecies, messages of alien contact, all talk of the End Times, of an Armageddon, beginning in 1992. All of these messages, be it via mediums, the spirit world, visions, dreams, prophecies, or alien contacts, all are processed through the subconscious mind. This is where the message itself is broadcast. Such people, as the above feel an urge to seek out others and to spread the message.

The world is about to enter a great time of upheaval according to the vast array of messages received via mystics, mediums, contactees etc. Pollution, ecological destruction, nuclear weapons, the greenhouse effect, all are combining to produce a possible Armageddon on truly biblical proportions.

Perhaps a future Armageddon is making ripples across time, spreading outwards so that the closer we get the stronger and more frequent the messages become. Sensitives could pick up the information first and from this reservoir of super-consciousness which we can all dip into, some of us may also pick out images of alien contact. The perceived images will be suitable for that person/society/culture, but the messages are the same, that of impending changes that will affect the world.

Comments by Dr. John Shaw. M.A., C.Psychol., A.F.B.Ps.S.

....There is little doubt that the individuals whose accounts you quote in your article are 'Sensitive'. Like Whitley Streiber they are tuned into the fact that the planet is in a parlous state with global warming, depletion of the ozone layer etc., They are picking up in symbolic form warnings about impending problems and the possibility of cataclysmic events.

As to the UFO's and the alien beings, these are at least the symbolic forms in which these warnings are expressed. The phenomenon of dreams shows us that it is not the form which is important so much as the message which the form of symbol expresses. However, we have to conclude that mankind has only partial knowledge of the reality in

which he lives and some individuals have, from earliest times, claimed greater knowledge than their fellows. Similarly, most have only partial knowledge today, others claim more.

Streiber concluded that a non-human intelligence was at work in the phenomena and the close encounters which he experienced. However, just because the CE4 seems objectively real at the time does not mean it is real in any objective material sense. It should be treated as a significant dream in which the message is all-important not the form.

As to 1992, this must be treated with scepticism I'm afraid. Christmas 1982 was supposed to be the time for a cosmic event which did not as far as I know occur. Already May 2000 AD and 1999 have also been given as key dates. As Berlitz says, "announcements of impending catastrophe are now becoming more frequent, and not only from psychic prophets but also from scientists of a variety of disciplines". When the present era will end nobody knows for sure.....

Note: (Dr. Shaw is the Senior Staff Tutor in Psychology and Director of Race Relations and Equal Opportunity Courses at the Department of Extra-Mural Studies at the University of Manchester).

The above is the latest in the continuing research programme of contactees and abductees in Britain. A research programme which is badly in need of further assistance from all aspects of the social sciences. The authors are continually searching for further material as the above. If you are a witness, an investigator or a researcher from either the UFO field or the field of psychic research, and have material, of a similar nature that you would consider sharing with the authors. Then please contact:- Clive Potter, 31 Grove Road, Highfield, Leicester Leics., LE5 3HJ. England.

UFOLOGICAL ILLUSIONS - PLANETARY GUIDE 1990

By G.E. Ambler

The position of the brightest planets are charted annually on a monthly basis to aid investigators in the elimination of erroneous UFO sightings. During 1990, Mars, Venus and Jupiter will all be present and very bright at different times - the majority of good sightings will be between midnight and dawn. Mars will be on view all night during October-December.

Of the planets in the solar system, apart from Earth, the five inner bodies Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn can be bright or very bright, but the outer three Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are too faint to be picked out from the general mass of stars. As a general rule, Venus and Jupiter always are bright when visible, but Mercury, Mars and Saturn vary considerably in intensity according to their relative positions to Earth.

The movements of the inner five planets during 1990 are summarised below:-

MERCURY:- As this planet is very close to the sun, it is constantly appearing & disappearing behind the sun's disc and will only be seen low in the sky close to dawn or dusk in the vicinity of the rising or setting sun. Chances to view are limited in the UK latitudes. During 1990 Mercury may be seen during the last ten days of January at dawn; early evenings during April - (the best time of the year) and the second half of September and first week of October before dawn.

VENUS:- Venus is seen in the early evening to January 18th, then reappears as a morning object from late January to October. It reverts to an evening star in late December. Maximum brightness occurs on February 22nd (magnitude -4.6)

MARS:- The planet is a faint object before dawn for the first months of 1990. Thereafter brightness increases and from August onwards Mars is visible all night. On November 27th it is in opposition - its nearest and brightest point - but by the end of December it is rapidly declining again.

JUPITER:- Seen all night as a very bright white object in January it will then gradually become less bright and is seen only in the evenings to the end of June. Until the end of September it is then visible. In October and November it is seen after midnight and in December will be on view all night with increasing brightness.

SATURN:- Starts the year as a faint morning object, gradually increasing in hours seen and brightness to July. Its brightest day is July 14th (magnitude +0.1). In July and August it is seen all night and from September to October in the evenings. The rest of the year it is too low to be visible.

YEARLY TABLE

The positions of the above planets and the brightest star SIRIUS is tabulated below month by month. The magnitude or brightness of the object is given where known. The more negative the value, the brighter will be the object. The following is a rough guide to comparative brightness:-

-3.1 to -5.0 brilliant

-2.1 to -3.0 very bright

0 to -2.0 bright

+0.1 to +1.0 just noticeable from background stars. Greater than +1.0, average stars not standing out. The polestar and satellites in orbit have a magnitude around +2. On this scale the sun is estimated at -26.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PLANET/STAR</u>	<u>DIRECTION SEEN</u>	<u>TIME SEEN</u>	<u>MAGNITUDE</u>
January	Mercury	- Rising Sun(E)	Last 10 days of month	
	Venus	- W-SW Setting Sun	Just after sun-set to 18th	-4.0
		-E Rising Sun	End of Month	
	Jupiter	E-W	All night	-2.7
	Mars	SE	Early hours (a.m.)	+1.5
	Saturn	-	-	-

MONTH	PLANET/STAR	DIRECTION SEEN	TIME SEEN	MAGNITUDE
January	Sirius	E - W	Most of Night	-1.4
February	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	Before Dawn	-4.6 max
	Mars	SE	Early Hours (A.F.)	+1.3
	Jupiter	E - W	Evening- (Early hours)	-
	Saturn	SE	Early Hours very faint	+0.6
	Sirius	E - W	Most of Night	-1.4
March	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	Hour before Sunrise	-4.5
	Mars	SE	Early Hours Difficult to see	+0.6
	Jupiter	E - W	Evening(Early)	-2.3
	Saturn	SE	Early Hours(am)	+0.6
	Sirius	E - W	Evening(Early)	-1.4
April	Mercury	-Setting Sun	Sunset	-0.5 to +1.1
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	Before Dawn	-
	Mars	SE	Early H ours (a.m.)	+0.9
	Jupiter	E - W	Early Evening	-2.1
	Saturn	SE	Early Hours (a.m.)	+0.6
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
May	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	Only just before dawn	-4.0
	Mars	SE	After Midnight	+0.7
	Jupiter	-	Evenings	-
	Saturn	-	After Midnight	+0.4
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
June	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	low down before dawn	-
	Mars	-	After Midnight	+0.4

MONTH	PLANET/STAR	DIRECTION SEEN	TIME SEEN	MAGNITUDE
June	Jupiter	-	Evenings, lost before end of month	-
	Saturn	E - W	Before Midnight -dawn	+0.2
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
July	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	Low down before dawn	-
	Mars	SE	After Midnight	+0.1
	Jupiter	Invisible	-	-
	Saturn	E - W	All night	+0.1
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
August	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	-E Rising Sun	Low down before dawn	-
	Mars	Low SE	Before Midnight to Dawn	-0.2
	Jupiter	Invisible	-	-
	Saturn	E - W	All night	-
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
September	Mercury	E-Rising Sun	Second half of month	+1.7 to 0.9
	Venus	E-Rising Sun	Low down before dawn	-3.9
	Mars	E - W	Most of night	-0.4 to 0.9
	Jupiter	-	a.m. before Sunrise	-
	Saturn	E - W	Evenings	-
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
October	Mercury	E-Rising Sun	1st week Only	-
	Venus	E-Rising Sun	To mid month only	-
	Mars	E - W	All night	-0.9 to 1.6
	Jupiter	E - W	Midnight-Dawn	-2.1
	Saturn	E - W	Evenings	+0.5
	Sirius	Invisible	-	-
November	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	Invisible	-	-
	Mars	E - W	All night	-2.0
	Jupiter	E - W	Midnight-Dawn	-2.2

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PLANET/STAR</u>	<u>DIRECTION SEEN</u>	<u>TIME SEEN</u>	<u>MAGNITUDE</u>
November	Saturn	Invisible	-	-
	Sirius	E - W	After Midnight	-1.4
December	Mercury	Invisible	-	-
	Venus	W-Sunset	Just visible End of Year	-
	Mars	E - W	All Night	-1.9 to 1.0
	Jupiter	E - W	Mid Evening- Dawn	-2.4
	Saturn	Invisible	-	-
	Sirius	E - W	c10p.m.-Dawn	-1 .4

Meteor Showers

The best nights for viewing meteors or "shooting stars" are shown below. Most of these are visible for less than a second as a white streak in the sky. More spectacular ones may be coloured. Any object reported as seen for more than 5 seconds should be disregarded as a meteor.

Jan 3rd	August 2nd
April 22nd	August 12 th
May 5th	October 22nd
June 19th	November 3rd
July 29th	November 17th
July 31st	December 13th
	December 22nd

Monthly Brightest Object

The following table lists the brightest planet or star seen in the sky, before midnight or after midnight.

The planet is not necessarily visible for the whole period.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENING (to Midnight)</u>	<u>MORNING (after Midnight)</u>
January	Jupiter/Venus early	Jupiter
February	Jupiter	Venus/Sirius
March	Jupiter	Venus
April	Jupiter	Venus
May	Jupiter	Venus
June	(Jupiter)	Venus
July	Saturn	Saturn/Mars, Venus before Dawn
August	Mars	Mars/Venus before Dawn
September	Mars	Mars/Venus before Dawn
October	Mars	Jupiter

November	Mars	Jupiter
December	Mars/Jupiter	Jupiter

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☛ OBSERVATIONS ON THE 'GULF BREEZE' UFO PHOTOGRAPHS

By Martin J. Powell*

(A series of pictures of a UFO(☛) were taken by Edward Walters, at Gulf Breeze, Florida, USA over an 18 month period in 1987-8. Most of the pictures are of a stationary craft brightly lit at the top (a small cupola) and at the Base. The central section of the object is much darker and wider, and portholes can be observed. The central part seems almost transparent in some pictures. Leading American Ufologists such as Walt Andrus and Bruce Maccabee have been unable to prove the pictures are a hoax. The following account attempts to show mathematically how some of the photographs may have been faked.....Editor).

As a person with a keen interest in the UFO phenomenon, I would like to make several personal observations of the 'Gulf Breeze' photographs taken by Edward Walters and the anonymous "Jane". The latter photograph appears on the cover of the Sidwick & Jackson paperback book "The UFO Report 1990" (ed. Timothy Good), and it is this picture which first brought my attention to the case. It was not until later that I saw a black-and-white reproduction of Ed Walters' Photo No. 7 in the Quest International' magazine (Vol.9 No.1). Whilst visiting a friend's house I was then fortunate enough to come across a further two colour reproductions of Ed's pictures (one of them enlarged) in the October edition of the 'Plus' magazine. The three photos I have so far seen are the earlier of Ed's photos, taken on 11th November and 20th November 1987. I have also read a couple of accounts of the 'Gulf Breeze' story, some parts of which are quite unbelievable.

From the outset I have believed that "Jane's" photo, and subsequently Ed's three photos - are fakes. The objects are not solid craft in the sky at all, but merely reflections of a very 'flying-saucer' type la p-shade in a window. There are several reasons why I make this claim. First of all, the object in "Jane's 1986 photo" (date dubious) does not appear to be solid. The darker central area of the object does, in fact, seem to be transparent in that the sky passes through it, both sky and object attaining the same hue. If the object were solid this area would surely appear darker, and the sky behind would be obliterated. In short, the object attains the properties of a reflected image. The nature of this photograph lends clues as to how it might have been taken. The tree immediately below the object is blurred by movement, indicative of the camera shutter having been left open for a prolonged period of time. Since the sky was dark, this would have been necessary in order to expose the trees and the sky. The light itself need only then be switched on briefly to obtain a bright and clear image on film. This technique would also help to explain the sharpness of the object's image in comparison to that of the trees. I am also suspicious of the seepage of light on both sides of the photograph, which is possibly a refractive effect

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resulting from the light in the room having been switched on.

With regard to Ed's photos, the same observations largely apply. These pictures also display a certain degree of light seepage at their edges, and the darker parts of the objects take on a somewhat transparent quality. The three pictures were taken in the early evening. i.e. at such a time that the sky was sufficiently light to reveal the clear silhouettes of the trees and telegraph poles, but also at such a time that the reflected lamp-shade appeared sufficiently bright and clear in the window as to take on an almost 'solid' appearance. It is interesting to note that all of Ed's photos were taken either in the evening, dawn or nighttime, the exact times having a suspicious recurrence. None were taken during the day; a reflection does not show up clearly in daylight.

If the polaroid camera used to take these photos had an in-built flash, the flash itself would need to have been covered by an opaque material e.g. putty or plasticine, in order to prevent flash reflection in the glass from marring the picture.

The positioning of the lamp-shade in the room would be of crucial importance if there was to be no other object in the room reflected in the glass. A ventrally positioned light in an average to large-sized room, hung relatively low from the ceiling and well clear of other objects would provide the ideal image. Upward reflection to the ceiling could be partly or wholly eliminated by the placing of a dark cover over the top of the lamp-shade. Indeed, the very design of the object in these pictures is suggestive of a lamp-shade with very little upwardly-directed lighting, (perhaps only to the ? light-bulb socket on the top) but such downward lighting as is shown by the over-exposure of the lower part of the image.

The possibility of Ed's object being a reflected lamp-shade is greatly increased when one considers the behaviour of a reflection in a window when the observer is moving. In order to demonstrate this seemingly 'hidden' aspect of these photographs, the reader's attention is directed to the diagram overleaf.

Fig. 1. outline diagram of Gulf Breeze Photograph

Fig. 2. Details of Camera/Object movement.

The diagram shows the silhouetted outline of the trees and telegraph poles that appear in Ed's photographs. The crosses mark the approximate centre positions of the object in each of the photos. The near-vertical dashed lines represent the extreme edges of the nearby pine tree, which clearly changes position relative to the background in each photo and demonstrates that the photographer was indeed changing his viewpoint when he took them. The colours of the dashed lines and the crosses match in accordance with their relative positions in each of the photos. The red line/cross represents the photo taken at 5 p.m. on 11th November 1987; the green line/cross is that taken at 4.58 p.m. on 20th November 1987 and designated 'Photo 7'; and the blue line/cross is that taken on the same day at 5.03 p.m.

The question to be resolved is whether the changing positions of the pine tree and the reflection can be directly correlated with the changing position of the photographer in his room. One assumption is that the light itself is suspended at a fixed point in the room, and has not been moved elsewhere. The fact that all

Fig. 1 Outline Diagram of Gulf Breeze Photograph

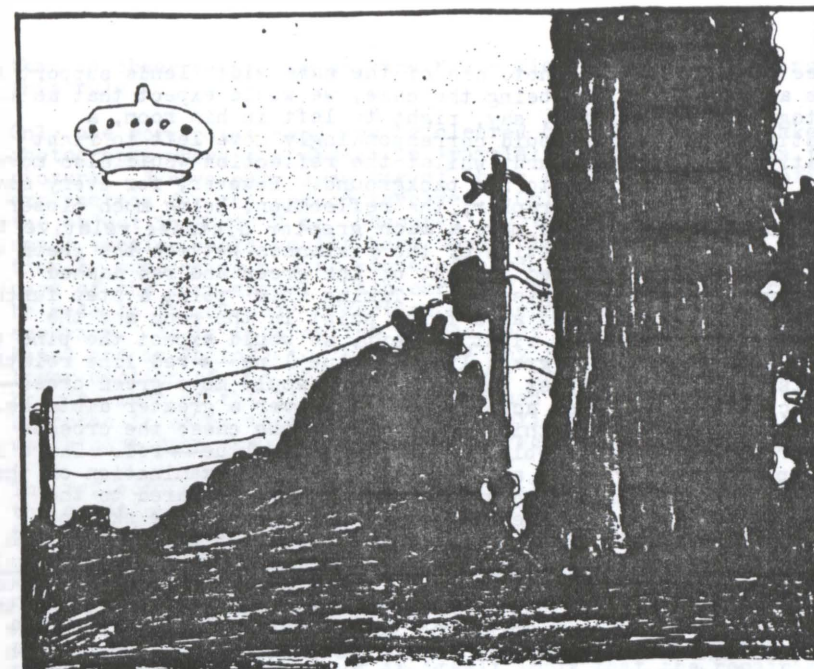
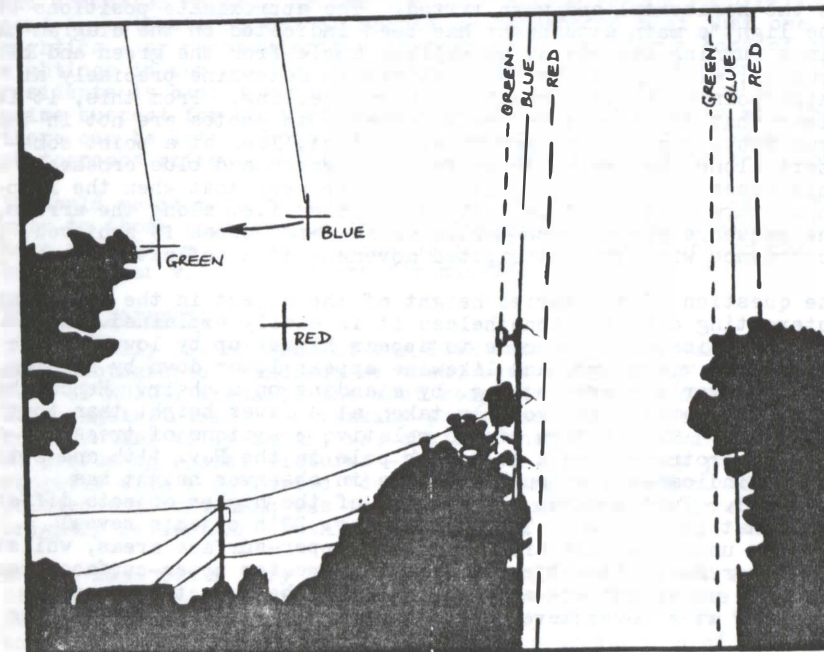


Fig. 2 Details of camera/object movement.



three objects in each photo are of the same width lends support to this assumption. This being the case, we would expect that as the photographer moves from, say, right to left in his room, a relatively close tree would correspondingly move left to right relative to the background, whilst the reflection would also move left to right relative to its background. However, for every movement made by the photographer, the reflection, being much closer to him than the tree, would move a much greater distance relative to its background. Examination of the distances between the green and red crosses when compared to that of the green and red dashed lines seems to reveal this fact. Taking this point a step further, if the light were indeed at a fixed point in the room and the photographer moved from right to left, we would expect the pine tree to move in a direction green line → blue line → red line relative to its background, whilst the reflection would move green cross → blue cross → red cross accordingly, but over a greater distance. The diagram shows that this is not wholly the case; the crosses appear as green → red → blue and not green → blue → red. There is an explanation for this, and it is revealed by examination of the two photographs taken on November 20th. When compared to the November 11th photo, where the object is lower in the sky and clearly horizontal, the objects in the other two photos are high up, and tilted towards the left at an angle of ca. 7° from the vertical. The lampshade has probably been attached to a dark piece of cotton on its one side, which has then been pulled and attached to another point on the ceiling, causing the light to be displaced from the vertical and hence appear tilted in the photographs. The cotton does in fact seem to have caused the lamp-shade to rotate slightly, as can be seen when comparing the positions of the dark holes on the lamp-shade in relation to the bright projection on the top when in the horizontal and when tilted. The approximate positions of the light's main attachment has been indicated on the diagram as lines running upwards at an oblique angle from the green and blue crosses, although it is not possible to determine precisely at which points the attachments join the ceiling. From this, it is clear that the lights in the November 20th photos are not in their true resting positions and this, in fact, lies at a point somewhere along the arrows drawn from the green and blue crosses. With this observation in mind, it can now be seen that when the lampshades are in their true resting position i.e. along the arrows, the sequence green cross → blue cross → red cross is achieved, in accordance with the anticipated movement of a reflected image.

The question of the varied height of the object in the sky is an interesting one, but nonetheless it is easily explained. A reflected image can be made to appear higher up by lowering the observer's viewpoint, and likewise appear lower down by raising the observer's viewpoint e.g. by standing on a chair. Hence the Nov. 20th photos were probably taken at a lower height than that of Nov. 11th. Examination of the relative positions of trees and of a strut protrusion on a telegraph pole in the Nov. 11th and 20th photos indicates that such a change in observer height has occurred. Furthermore, the aspects of the higher objects differ from that lower down. The higher, Nov. 20th objects reveal greater under-surface areas and less upper-surface areas, whilst the lower Nov. 11th object displays a greater upper-surface area and less under-surface area. This is to be expected, as an observer at a lower level will naturally see more under-surface

than an observer higher up, and reflections are no exceptions to this rule.

Only one more point need now be cleared up. Ed has also taken photographs where the object is 'partially behind' trees in the picture. I have only seen one of these (Photo 7) and can offer an explanation for the method involved. Only a small, dark section of the object in Photo 7 is 'obsured' by the cedar tree, and this small section could easily have been 'blackened out' of the reflection by suspending a dark piece of card in front of the relevant part of the lamp-shade. With care and precision, this card could be made to 'black out' a section of almost any shape with uncanny accuracy. It is interesting to see that Ed did not attempt (at least not in Photo 7) to 'black out' any part of the brightest, lower section of the object. This was probably because, being so bright, much of the light would have had to shine through the tree's branches in order to produce an authentic picture - a condition that would have been very difficult to perfect using this method.

The reflection theory does, therefore, in my view, settle all of the questions posed by these photographs, and furthermore discards the need for double-exposures or an externally suspended model.

I can only conclude by saying that Ed's three photographs are the result of careful preparation. He utilised the coincidence of several convenient factors, and did so with the clear aim of producing classic faked UFO pictures. The fact that these three pictures are fakes does not in itself imply that the remaining pictures are also; those taken outside of the house, for example, will require a different explanation. Likewise, other UFO reports and abduction reports around the Gulf Breeze region require independent investigation, but it should be remembered that just one sighting - or particularly a photograph - can stir a host of other sightings in any one region, purely because the attention of its residents is cast towards the sky. The nearby Air Force Base is a prime suspect for most of these sightings. But despite all this, there can be little doubt that the existence of three faked photographs raises questions as to the authenticity of the remainder.

I should re-iterate that the observations made in this study relate only to those photographs that I have seen; unfortunately I shall have to wait until publication of the forthcoming book on the case before I can view the others for myself.

Editors remarks;

I personally was present at the ICUR congress last July when the said photographs (hundreds of them) were defended by Walt Andrus, head of MUFON, arguably the most respected UFO organisation in the USA. Against this, a debunking paper was read out by a delegate representing Willy Smith, who claimed that "Mr Ed" was very adept at producing spooky pictures - illustrated by a party pose of his daughter with a purported "demon" standing behind her. Smith pointed out that this was the result of reflections in a mirror of brightly reflecting clothing or fittings in the room.

Andrus made out a very good case for "Gulf Breeze" and a straw poll of delegates voted narrowly for the authenticity of the pictures. He also caused gasps from the audience by stating that "Mr Ed" was to receive \$200,000 as an advance for the production of a book on

the "Gulf Breeze" events.

A number of the above facts seem to marry in with Powells' arguments. Ed may have liked to mess about with trick photography so he would have developed skills to produce fake UFO pictures.

The UFO seems to us to have no "guts" to it - rather like a glowing gas mantle. The wide area at the top has virtually no outline and merges into the twilight. Of around 80,000 documented UFO cases on our files, we have no record of any object re-appearing many times to the same witness over a long period of 18 months. Histories are against these pictures being authentic. If Ed had taken so many pictures with a stills camera, after a time he would surely have used a movie camera to capture the object in motion. Do we have any information about the UFO moving?

I don't want to add too many additional comments until the book on "Gulf Breeze" comes out. The trigonometrical reasoning seems very plausible, but as the source is reproduction photos in magazines where distortions may have occurred in fitting in the pictures, I would reserve judgment.

Letter from the President

Hello everyone,

Since my last letter, I have been on business to various parts of Spain and this triggered off a look into my Spanish UFO files. For many years, Spain has been the scene of countless peculiar UFO-related events and recently there has been an upsurge of these in the Canary Islands, as reported in my last letter. Francisco Padron, the Journalist from Tenerife, has now sent me a batch of newspaper clippings, and I'll sift through these over the course of the months. But more about this later.

First, I want to deal with a matter that arose through an article in the last issue of our magazine, an article called "The Paradig Shift" by a Mr. Paul Edwards.

Now when I became President of Contact some years ago, I was faced with a very damaging situation: a large number of overseas branches many of which had gone right off the rails. Instead of devoting their time and efforts to reporting and investigating UFO sightings in their areas, they were getting themselves deeply involved with the Occult or with certain way-out esoteric sects, none of which has the slightest connection with the aims of Contact.

This was harming our reputation and did a great deal to make us a laughing-stock in those very circles where we wanted to be taken seriously. Furthermore, some of those groups were riven with internal dissension and in at least two cases, by examples of clinical hysteria.

After discussing this matter with our Founder-President, Lord Clancarty and the Advisory Committee, I wrote to every one of our

overseas branches and made it clear that while there were many organisations and societies where occultists of all kinds would be welcome and feel at home, Contact was not one of them, and that unless this was accepted by them there was no purpose in their continued membership. The result, as we had hoped, was that all those type of members left our organisation. Since Then, we have been a smaller body but a healthier one until we can say today that our splendid Data Research centre possesses what is undoubtedly the most comprehensive and factual files on the UFO phenomenon in this country. This is due to the tireless and expert work (unpaid, of course) of our research team in the Oxford region. One day, all the hours and days and weeks and months that they have put into the serious study of UFO classification and reporting, will reap the major reward of official recognition. The time will come, I am sure, when government will be forced to admit that UFOs have been a problem for decades, and they will need our files and expertise to handle the situation.

What has this to do with Mr. Edwards article? Well, while it contains much fascinating material, written in some density, it is overwhelmingly Occult-orientated. Even worse, it openly attacks Christianity (see page 10 almost halfway down in the last issue). I would therefore like to apologise to any of our readers who may have been deeply offended by this. I know I was.

As for Mr. Edwards' comments about "the disinformation of the Church", and his remarks following this - he might find it relevant and edifying to read C.S. Lewis's "Screwtape Letters".

Incidentally where on earth did he get his idea that the word Gothic should be pronounced Goat-tic? The mind "boggles", though it's quite fun to muse on the Goats and the Picts. Anyway, to set the record straight - the 'o' sound in the first syllable is a short one as in 'got'. In Spanish too, the word 'Gotico' is pronounced with a short first 'o'.

Anyway I hope I have made myself clear; Contact is an organisation dedicated to the serious, scientific, investigation into the UFO phenomenon; that is the way it is going to stay.

Back to Spain. And some serious factual evidence... When I was living there from the 60s to the 70s, I had a friend whose husband was a senior pilot with Iberia Airlines. He told me a number of stories about UFO sightings, and of how terrified he and fellow pilots had been at some close encounters mid-air. I was reminded of this recently on reading one of the reports sent to me by Francisco Padron, as it includes two of the accounts I had heard about from the pilot. What makes these reports of particular interest is that the pilot had to take evasive action and also various air-traffic control centres were brought into the events.

The first report is by an Iberia airline pilot, Alvaro Gonzales, who was captain on a flight waiting to land in Palma de Mallorca. The plane was circling around in the queue-system, "When suddenly" said Gonzales, "a sphere, like a hot sun, crossed in front of us, going from east to west. We thought it was going to hit us and we all ducked down on the flight-deck. The object was so fast, so elusive, so impressive." This took place in 1967.

The same pilot had another UFO experience in 1975. This time it

it was more serious.... it was a Fokker plane on a flight between North Africa and the Canary Isles. A cloudless night and the sea below full of fishing boats, with their bright lights. Again, suddenly Gonzales saw the UFO: an orange-coloured sphere, 'similar to the sun which arose out of the ocean. He discussed it with his crew, and they thought it must have been a play of lights from the fishing boats. The flight continued at 6,000 ft altitude. And then an enormous luminous sphere appeared in front of them at only 200 or so metres from the plane.

"We knew we were in great danger, confronted with something unknown. I didn't know if it was going to crash into us," said the pilot.

There was a terse communication with the Control Centre in the Canaries and a description given of the UFO.

The captain told Control that if anything happened to the plane, it would be because of the UFO.

Every manoeuvre of the plane was copied by the UFO, it was impossible to shake it off. When the plane increased speed, so did the UFO, when it slowed down, so did the UFO. When the plane ascended to an extra 1,000 ft so did the UFO. The cabin crew were terrified. The entire incident lasted for half an hour, until the plane approached the island of Fuerteventura, then the UFO disappeared, leaving behind a whitish-yellow trail like fireworks. The captain said, "I admit, was afraid... my great worry was for the 44 passengers on board - I was responsible for their safety, but they did not know what was going on. In all my years of flying I have never been under such stress; I think my first grey hairs appeared that night!"

Until next time, Hasta le vista.....

Ruth Rees.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

From Rev. HDL Thomas. Re: The Cornfield Rings or "Swirled Circles"

Dear Editor,

I was glad to have the latest issue of "AWARENESS". The questions which Dr. Meaden and his followers have to answer, and which they would appear to have avoided up to now, are surely:-

1. How do you explain the unusually peculiar 'vortex' which not only produces a circle of flattened corn, but a ring as well, or a ring with a clearly defined arrow, or a circle with two separate rings - one having a clockwise and the other an anti-clockwise 'wind' to flatten and shape it?
2. How do you account for the fact that six of the ring sites can be seen to be on a pair of parallel lines? Pure chance? (I refer to the line from Bosham (nr. Chichester) to Towlands Castle, Ludgershall Castle & Oldbury Castle passing through ring sites at Cheesefoot Head, Goodworth Clatford and Silbury Hill, and the second line from Calshot Castle (North of Cowes) to Trowbridge, passing through ring sites at Pepperbox Hill, south-east of

of Salisbury, Winterbourne Stoke (i.e. to the south of the A 303, n near this village) and Bratton Castle?

3. How do you account for the fact that these rings appear after midnight and before dawn, but not during daylight hours?

I would be interested to hear or see Dr. Meaden's explanations.

Yours sincerely,

Editors Reply: The wind vortex theory seems to be sadly wanting when you see the ringed circle formation and other multi-formation circles which have been replicated. It might be justified where there are a lot of randomly placed single circles as appeared at first, but since 1987 when rings also appeared, Meaden's ideas constantly need updating and I doubt very much whether a theory based on single circle formation could be modified to explain the latest developments.

Point No.2 about circle sites being on a pair of parallel lines is less convincing. Are you thinking of the old ideas of UFOs appearing along ley-lines in the Wessex area? I have heard from Pat Delgado, the leading investigator, that his team has found 270 circle formations in 1989, most of these in the Wessex area. With this number, I think you could join up several and make parallel lines all over the place.

The final point about circles appearing only at night still remains a big mystery although some of the Bufora investigators claimed there are witnesses to circles being formed in daylight hours, although I am far from convinced these are the "real thing".

Dear Editor

I found "AWARENESS" issue 3 1989-90 particularly interesting and the articles I prefer are your about "Corn Circles" and the ones about Nazi Enigma and Meteor Factor.

Corn Circles are very intriguing indeed and your mathematical approach of the subject is quite convincing. Time will probably help us to know more about it...

As you already know I am specializing in naval matters of World War 2, so I have something to say about the submarines seen in February 1979 and supposed to have been a U-Boat (page 4).

The U567 (under the command of Captain ENDRASS, a famous ace) was sunk with all hands on 21st December 1941 by the British scout vessels DEPTFORD and SAMPHIRE, 44°02'N/20°10'W.

In addition WW2 U-Boats had identification figures painted on their conning tower until August 1939, nothing after that date and never the letter U anyway.

The most probable explanation is that the submarine was the US Navy's SS 567 GUDGEON* who at that time still had an identification figure on her tower. They don't have any nowadays.

* launched on 11th June 1952 and still used for acoustic research in 1982.

More probable is the story about HITLER being seen on 30th April 1945 or it was invented by someone knowing about history and planes or it is a real fact:

- a) 30th April 1945 is the day he disappeared
- b) There was effectively a rear gunner on a Fu 52 transport plane.
- c) It could have been an Arado 234 jet plane transformed to carry 2 or 3 passengers, instead of bombs. (perhaps 4)
- d) I heard effectively of a plane having brought to Hamburg 3 men and a woman who embarked on an ocean going submarine.

Yours Sincerely, Pierre Hervieux, Sainte Adresse, France

Dear Editor,

I was most interested in Mr Mansell's article "The Nazi Enigma" in the last journal. Having made a study of WW2 history, especially the Air War and possessing "The Luftwaffe War Diaries" (A book written by the Germans post-war) I am surprised that I've never come across any reference to them experimenting with disc shaped craft.

I do know that as early as 1931 they experimented with models of all wing, tailless gliders, designed by the Horten brothers and that later, full scale models were built and a craft was powered by an 80hp engine and test flown by Hanna Reitsch in 1935. During the war they even powered some of these craft with twin turbo-jets. However these were certainly not disc-shaped, looking more like arrow heads or boomerangs!

Yours Sincerely, John L Clarke, Hove, E.Sussex.

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